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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to express advocacy with respect to the filing
2 of certain election reports.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68A.401, subsection 4, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. Political committees expressly advocating the
4 nomination, election, or defeat of candidates for both
5 federal office and any elected office created by law or the
6 Constitution of the State of Iowa shall file statements and
7 reports with the board in addition to any federal reports
8 required to be filed with the board. However, a political
9 committee that is registered and filing full disclosure
10 reports of all financial activities with the federal election
11 commission may file verified statements as provided in section
12 68A.201A. For the purposes of this subsection, "express
13 advocacy" includes a communication with the name, image, or
14 likeness of a candidate if the communication occurs within
15 ninety days of an election at which the candidate will appear
16 on the ballot.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the definition of "express advocacy"
21 for the purposes of statements filed with the Iowa ethics and
22 campaign disclosure board. The bill requires a political
23 committee that publishes a communication with the name, image,
24 or likeness of a candidate within 90 days of an election
25 at which the candidate will appear on the ballot to file
26 statements and reports with the Iowa ethics and campaign
27 disclosure board.